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BROCKTON MAN SENTENCED TO 16 YEARS ON FEDERAL DRUG OFFENSE

BOSTON, MA - A Brockton man was sentenced yesterday in federal court on a federal drug charge.

United States Attorney Michael J. Sullivan; Timothy J. Cruz, Plymouth County District Attorney; Glenn N. Anderson, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in New England; Colonel Mark F. Delaney, Superintendent of the Massachusetts State Police; and William Conlon, Chief of the Brockton Police Department, announced that **JAMES GOODWYN**, 31, of 52 Massachusetts Avenue, Brockton, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Nathaniel M. Gorton to 16 years in prison, to be followed by 8 years of supervised release. Judge Gorton acknowledged **GOODWYN**'s extensive criminal record that included multiple prior convictions on firearms related offenses, convictions for assaultive conduct as well as drug dealing.

On November 2, 2006, **GOODWYN** pled guilty to an Indictment charging him with one count of distribution of over 5 grams of crack cocaine in Brockton. At the earlier hearing, **GOODWYN** admitted to selling approximately 5 grams of crack cocaine to a government's cooperating witness on December 10, 2004 outside of the Staples store located at 609 Belmont Street in Brockton. The crack sale was videotaped and recorded by Brockton Police Detectives and Special Agents from the ATF.

GOODWYN, along with eight others, was arrested on August 25, 2005, as part of an on-going effort to reduce firearm-related violence in the Brockton area. Plymouth County District Attorney Cruz and then Brockton Police Chief Studenski along with the ATF, Massachusetts State Police and the U.S. Attorney's Office began an investigation in November, 2005 in the Brockton area with the goal of reducing gang and drug activity and the number of guns available on the streets. As a result of that effort, a total of 7 guns as well as a significant amount of ammunition and crack cocaine were removed from the streets.

The cases were prosecuted as part of President Bush's Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative which makes prosecution of firearms cases a top priority. The Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative provides a comprehensive, strategic approach to reducing gun violence in America. Since 2002, when the U.S. Attorney's Office implemented the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative, eleven cities across the state, including Brockton, have joined in the program.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Brockton Police Department, and the Massachusetts State Police. The U.S. Attorney would like to thank Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy Cruz's Office for their assistance in the investigations. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Glenn MacKinlay, Project Safe Neighborhoods and Anti-Gang Coordinator in Sullivan's Major Crimes Unit.

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